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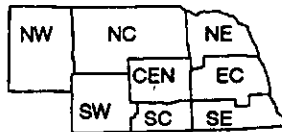
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## WEATHER

Except for a little rain early in the week, it was dry and very mild across the State. Considerable low cloudiness and fog persisted in the eastern half during the latter part of the week. Temperatures averaged from three degrees above normals in the west up to eleven degrees above normals in the east. Precipitation ranged from none in the west up to around a half inch in the southeast and east central portions.

## GENERAL

Moisture received during December came mostly as rain and was absorbed into the soil profile, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork activities were very limited due to the damp surface conditions. The lack of snow cover has been a source of concern for winter wheat producers but has been a benefit for livestock care. Most reports indicated that farm stored grains were "storing well." In a few instances, some spoilage and heating in bins was occurring where grain was not "cooled" at harvest time and thereafter. Main activities during December included record keeping and tax planning.

## GENERAL (Cont.)

livestock care, moving hay and grain, equipment maintenance, and routine chores.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 17% poor, 55% fair, and 28% good. Lack of snow cover remains a concern although moisture received as rainfall and the limited snow melt has improved the producers' outlook. Additional moisture and snow cover continue to be needed in all areas to ensure winter protection and spring growth.

## LIVESTOCK

Feed grain supplies as well as hay and forage supplies were rated at mostly adequate across the State. With the open weather, cattle were able to continue gleaning stalk fields and graze winter pasture longer than usual and this has lessened the amount of supplemental feeding required. The reduced feeding requirements during December has taken the pressure off hay and forage supplies in some areas. Feedlots are muddy but are improving.

SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY & FORAGE AS OF DECEMBER 27, 1991	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE		
Feed Grains - Short	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	10	1	3
(Percent) - Adequate	80	83	50	50	85	75	75	80	73	74
- Surplus	20	17	50	50	15	25	25	10	26	23
Hay and Forage - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	20	3	4
(Percent) - Adequate	70	33	50	83	100	62	75	80	62	84
- Surplus	30	67	50	17	0	38	0	0	35	12

## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1991

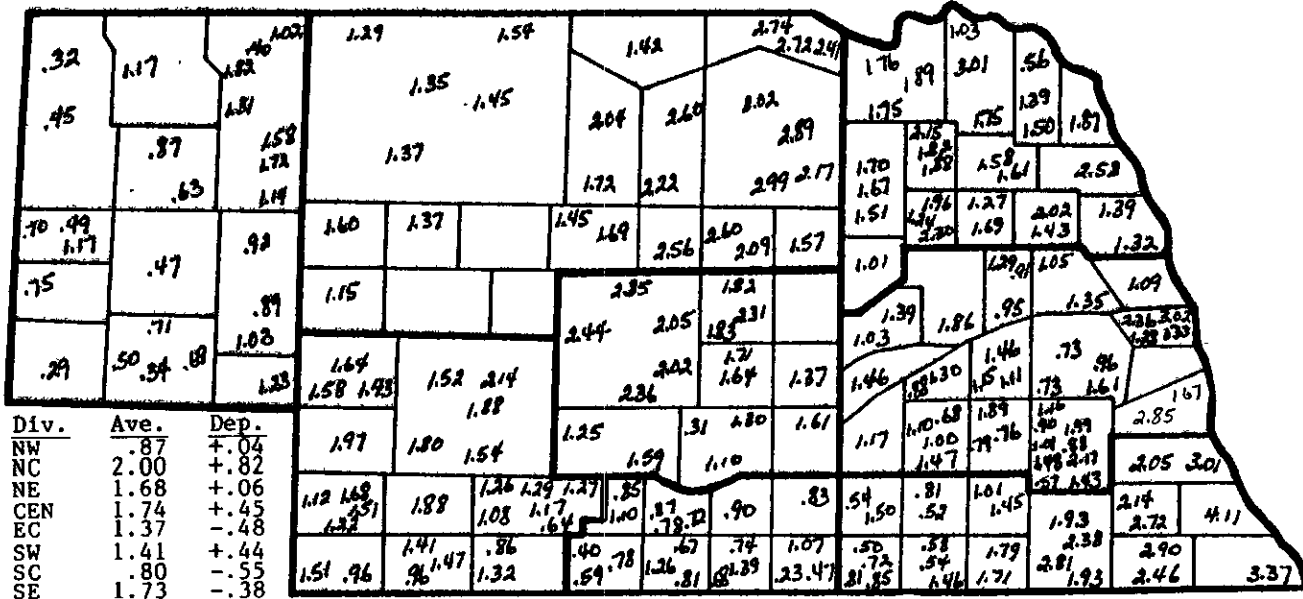
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		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	---	---	---	---	---
	Scottsbluff	52	9	29	+3	0
	Sidney	52	11	29	---	0
NC	Valentine	50	7	29	+8	0
NE	Norfolk	49	18	32	+11	T
	Sioux City	43	19	31	+11	T
CEN	Grand Island	47	22	36	+12	.02
	Ord	46	14	30	---	0
EC	Lincoln	46	22	34	+11	.05
	Omaha	46	25	33	+11	.01
SW	Imperial	47	19	30	---	0
	North Platte	50	16	32	+8	T

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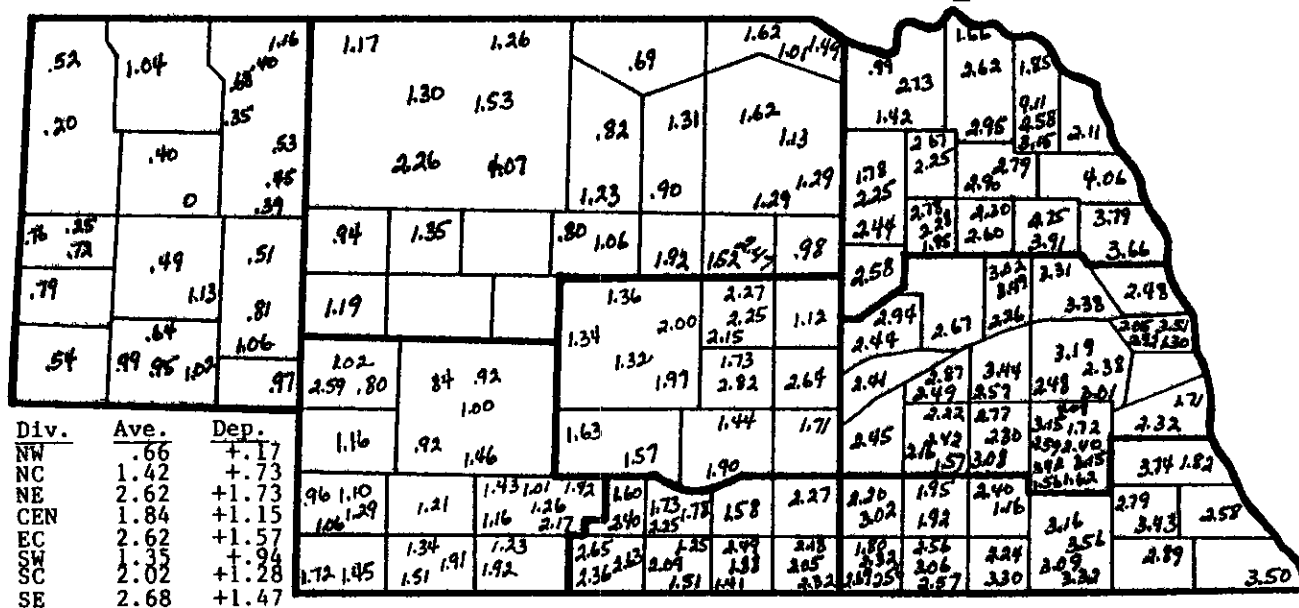
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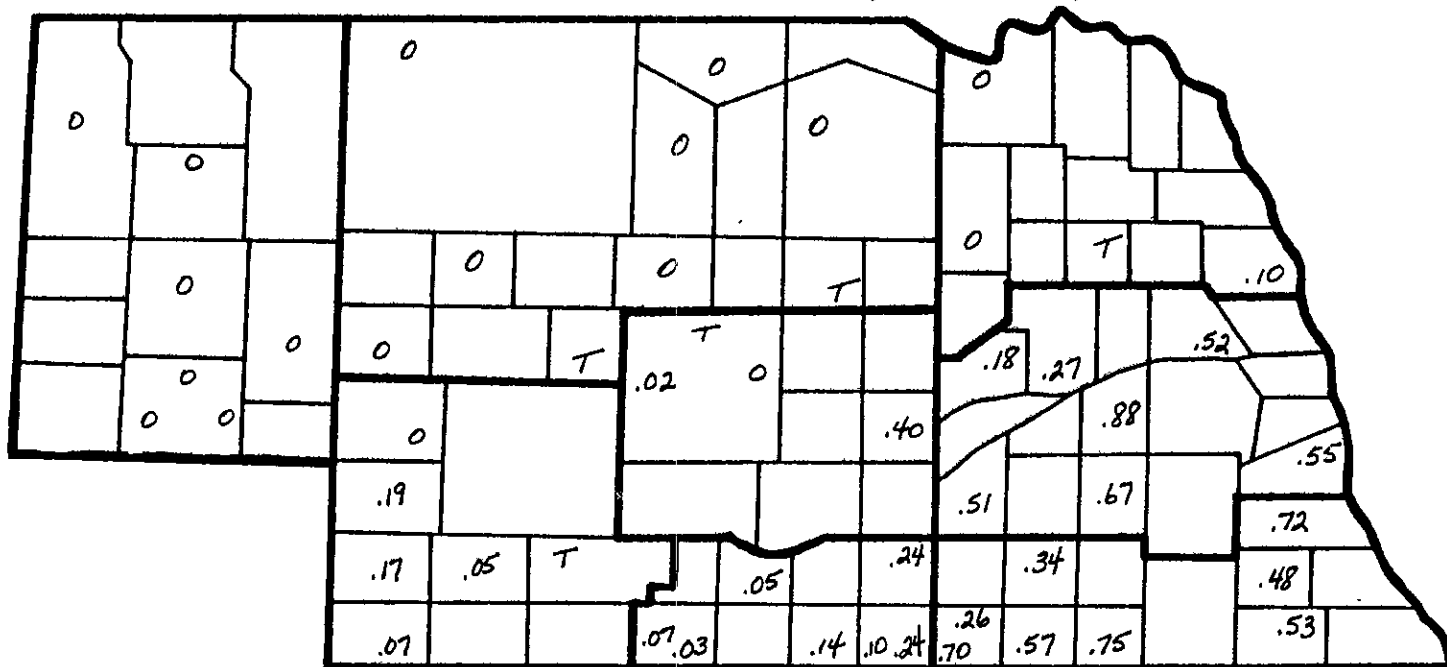
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1991 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1991



HAPPY NEW YEAR!